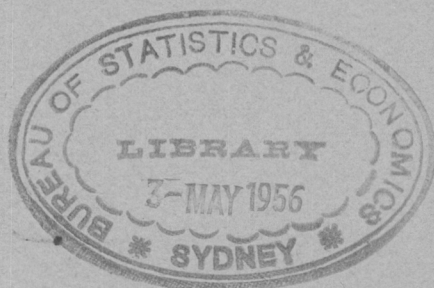


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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Except where otherwise specified employment figures contained in this Bulletin are based on data obtained from the 1933 Census, the Civilian Register of 1943, the Occupation Survey of 1945, Annual Censuses of Factory Production, and returns from Governmental Authorities, together with Pay-roll Tax returns. Pay-roll Tax returns at present cover approximately 75 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed and are lodged by all employers paying more than £120 per week in wages (other than certain Commonwealth Government Authorities, religious and benevolent institutions, public hospitals and other similar organisations specifically exempted under the Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941-1954). This Act when originally introduced in 1941 required employers paying wages of more than £20 per week to lodge returns. The exemption limit was raised to £80 per week from 1st October, 1953. Prior to 1st September, 1954, when the present exemption limit was introduced, employment recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns covered approximately 80 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed.

The terms "Employment", "Number Employed", "Employees" and "Wage Earners" used herein are synonymous with, and relate to, "wage and salary earners" on pay-rolls or "in employment" in the latter part of each month as distinct from numbers of employees actually working on a specific date. They include persons employed part-time.

PREFACE

The figures relating to employment published in this Bulletin are estimates. The Census of June, 1954, may show the need for some revision in the monthly aggregates. It is not anticipated, however, that any such revision will affect the trends shown by the figures in Tables 1 to 8. Some revisions will be necessary in the totals and trends in employment shown for individual industries (particularly manufacturing) in Tables 9 and 10. Tables showing employment in individual classes of factory are not published pending review.

2. Call-ups for short periods of National Service Training have occurred from time to time since August, 1951, and other variations occur in numbers of personnel in the Services. These are shown in item 4 below and in Table 4 page 3 thereof. Relevant figures are as follows:-

AUSTRALIA : (Thousands)

(EXCLUDING employees in Rural Industries and Private Domestic Service)

	1955					1956	
	Jan.	Feb.	Oct.*	Nov.*	Dec.*	Jan.*	Feb.
MALES							
1. In Private Employment	1382.3	1388.2	1406.7	1417.2	1416.6	(a)1395.4	(c)1421.4
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	30.2	30.4	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.9	31.1
Other	128.5	128.7	130.1	131.1	131.1	131.6	130.7
State and Semi-Governmental	365.0	367.2	369.7	368.5	369.5	368.5	371.4
Local Authorities	62.1	62.9	64.7	65.1	65.2	64.5	64.5
2. Total Governmental	585.8	589.2	595.2	595.4	596.5	595.5	597.7
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	1968.1	1977.4	2001.9	2012.6	2013.1	(c)1990.9	(c)2019.1
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	60.1	60.1	60.0	51.9	49.8	59.9	60.1
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2028.2	2037.5	2061.9	2064.5	2062.9	(a)2050.8	(c)2079.2

FEMALES

1. In Private Employment	608.0	613.5	623.8	631.2	634.2	628.3	631.8
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	6.6	6.7	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.2
Other	36.3	36.7	37.5	38.4	37.5	38.1	38.8
State and Semi-Governmental	67.5	70.1	73.5	73.5	73.4	72.6	75.1
Local Authorities	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.1
2. Total Governmental	116.2	119.3	124.0	124.9	124.0	123.9	127.2
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	724.2	732.8	747.8	756.1	758.2	752.2	759.0
4. Defence Forces (Permanent and Oversea)	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
5. Total, Civilian Employees and Defence Forces	726.2	734.9	749.8	758.1	760.2	754.2	761.0

PERSONS

1. In Private Employment	1990.3	2001.7	2030.5	2048.4	2050.8	(a)2023.7	(c)2053.2
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	36.8	37.1	37.8	37.8	37.8	38.1	38.3
Other	164.8	165.4	167.6	169.5	168.6	169.7	169.5
State and Semi-Governmental	432.5	437.3	443.2	442.0	442.9	441.1	446.5
Local Authorities	67.9	68.7	70.6	71.0	71.2	70.5	70.6
2. Total Governmental	702.0	708.5	719.2	720.3	720.5	719.4	724.9
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	2692.3	2710.2	2749.7	2768.7	2771.3	(c)2743.1	(c)2778.1
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	62.1	62.2	62.0	53.9	51.8	61.9	62.1
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2754.4	2772.4	2811.7	2822.6	2823.1	(c)2805.0	(c)2840.2

(a) Comprises employees of the Departments of Air, Army, Navy, Defence, Supply and Defence Production. (b) Excludes rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training but includes non-enlisted personnel. (c) Affected by industrial disputes. * Revised.

1. GENERAL SUMMARY

TABLE 1 : PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1316.3	1365.2	(a) 1399.9	562.8	593.7	615.1	1879.1	1958.9	(a) 2015.0
August	1319.4	1366.9	1401.3	565.0	594.5	616.7	1884.4	1961.4	2018.0
September	1323.6	1371.2	* 1405.6	569.1	598.5	620.2	1892.7	1969.7	* 2025.8
October	1330.4	1374.1	* 1406.7	574.5	602.2	623.8	1904.9	1976.3	* 2030.5
November	1337.9	1381.2	* 1417.2	582.7	610.5	631.2	1920.6	1991.7	* 2048.4
December	1340.9	1384.3	* 1416.6	590.0	615.6	634.2	1930.9	1999.9	* 2050.8
January	1344.2	1382.3	(a) * 1395.4	587.0	608.0	628.3	1931.2	1990.3	(a) * 2023.7
February	1348.8	1388.2	(a) 1421.4	588.3	613.5	631.8	1937.1	2001.7	(a) 2053.2
March	1356.2	1393.9		593.7	616.2		1949.9	2010.1	
April	1358.3	1395.5		593.1	614.6		1951.4	2010.1	
May	1361.9	1398.5		592.7	615.4		1954.6	2013.9	
June	1367.0	1401.4		593.0	615.7		1960.0	2017.1	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes. * Revised.

TABLE 2 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES - AUSTRALIA

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	566.1	582.1	(a) 596.1	112.5	115.4	123.6	678.6	697.5	(a) 719.7
August	566.8	582.4	(a) 598.3	112.5	116.0	124.2	679.3	698.4	(a) 722.5
September	566.7	581.9	597.7	112.4	116.1	123.7	679.1	698.0	721.4
October	567.4	581.1	595.2	111.8	116.5	124.0	679.2	697.6	719.2
November	568.7	583.6	595.4	111.9	117.0	124.9	680.6	700.6	720.3
December	569.9	584.7	596.5	111.3	116.3	124.0	681.2	701.0	720.5
January	568.1	585.8	595.5	110.7	116.2	123.9	678.8	702.0	719.4
February	571.6	589.2	597.7	113.0	119.3	127.2	684.6	708.5	724.9
March	575.1	592.4		114.2	121.3		689.3	713.7	
April	577.8	595.4		114.4	121.4		692.2	716.8	
May	580.0	597.0		114.6	121.8		694.6	718.8	
June	581.4	599.1		114.5	122.8		695.9	721.9	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 3 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1882.4	1947.3	(a) 1996.0	675.3	709.1	738.7	2557.7	2656.4	(a) 2734.7
August	1886.2	1949.3	(a) 1999.6	677.5	710.5	740.9	2563.7	2659.8	(a) 2740.5
September	1890.3	1953.1	* 2003.3	681.5	714.6	743.9	2571.8	2667.7	* 2747.2
October	1897.8	1955.2	* 2001.9	686.3	718.7	747.8	2584.1	2673.9	* 2749.7
November	1906.6	1964.8	* 2012.6	694.6	727.5	756.1	2601.2	2692.3	* 2768.7
December	1910.8	1969.0	* 2013.1	701.3	731.9	758.2	2612.1	2700.9	* 2771.3
January	1912.3	1968.1	(a) * 1990.9	697.7	724.2	752.2	2610.0	2692.3	(a) * 2743.1
February	1920.4	1977.4	(a) 2019.1	701.3	732.8	759.0	2621.7	2710.2	(a) 2778.1
March	1931.3	1986.3		707.9	737.5		2639.2	2723.8	
April	1936.1	1990.9		707.5	736.0		2643.6	2726.9	
May	1941.9	1995.5		707.3	737.2		2649.2	2732.7	
June	1948.4	2000.5		707.5	738.5		2655.9	2739.0	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes. * Revised.

TABLE 4 : DEFENCE FORCES - AUSTRALIA

(Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp) (a)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	66.0	61.5	59.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	68.0	63.5	62.0
August	65.5	61.5	60.2	2.0	2.0	2.2	67.5	63.5	62.4
September	62.8	60.8	60.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	64.8	62.9	62.2
October	62.5	60.5	60.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	64.5	62.6	62.0
November	57.0	52.5	51.9	2.0	2.1	2.0	59.0	54.6	53.9
December	52.5	50.1	49.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	54.5	52.1	51.8
January	62.7	60.1	59.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	64.7	62.1	61.9
February	62.3	60.1	60.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	64.3	62.2	62.1
March	61.3	57.9		1.9	2.1		63.2	60.0	
April	59.8	58.9		2.0	2.1		61.8	61.0	
May	61.0	59.1		1.9	2.1		62.9	61.2	
June	60.1	57.7		2.0	2.1		62.1	59.8	

(a) Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded.

TABLE 5 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, DEFENCE FORCES AND TRAINEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1948.4	2008.8	(a)2055.9	677.3	711.1	740.8	2625.7	2719.9	(a)2796.7
August	1951.7	2010.8	(a)2059.8	679.5	712.5	743.1	2631.2	2723.3	(a)2802.9
September	1953.1	2013.9	*2063.4	683.5	716.7	746.0	2636.6	2730.6	*2809.4
October	1960.3	2015.7	*2061.9	688.3	720.8	749.8	2648.6	2736.5	*2811.7
November	1963.6	2017.3	*2064.5	696.6	729.6	758.1	2660.2	2746.9	*2822.6
December	1963.3	2019.1	*2062.9	703.3	733.9	760.2	2666.6	2753.0	*2823.1
January	1975.0	2028.2	(a)*2050.8	699.7	726.2	754.2	2674.7	2754.4	(a)*2805.0
February	1982.7	2037.5	(a)2079.2	703.3	734.9	761.0	2686.0	2772.4	(a)2840.2
March	1992.6	2044.2		709.8	739.6		2702.4	2783.8	
April	1995.9	2049.8		709.5	738.1		2705.4	2787.9	
May	2002.9	2054.6		709.2	739.3		2712.1	2793.9	
June	2008.5	2058.2		709.5	740.6		2718.0	2798.8	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

* Revised.

TABLE 6 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Civilian Employees (excl. Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)									Defence Forces (b)
	Males			Females			Persons			
	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	
1939 July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	55.2	381.9	437.1	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	12.9
1941 July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	70.8	485.4	556.2	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6	284.6
1942 June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	100.8	502.8	603.6	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1	634.0
1943 June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	135.9	504.8	640.7	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	729.0
1944 June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	134.0	497.5	631.5	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	704.4
1945 June	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	124.8	494.6	619.4	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	648.9
1946 June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	94.0	502.0	596.0	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	143.4
1947 June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	92.1	527.5	619.6	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	54.0
1948 June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	94.9	549.1	644.0	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	39.3
1949 May (c)	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	99.2	564.9	664.1	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	33.6
1950 June	554.3	1,304.4	1,858.7	107.7	580.5	688.2	662.0	1,884.9	2,546.9	33.7
1951 June	571.2	1,340.3	1,911.5	113.9	604.9	718.8	685.1	1,945.2	2,630.3	44.3
1952 June (d)	578.4	1,329.7	1,908.1	115.3	564.1	679.4	693.7	1,893.8	2,587.5	69.4
1953 June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	112.0	561.7	673.7	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	67.4
1954 June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
1955 June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
1954 Jan.	568.1	1,344.2	1,912.3	110.7	587.0	697.7	678.8	1,931.2	2,610.0	64.7
Feb.	571.6	1,348.8	1,920.4	113.0	588.3	701.3	684.6	1,937.1	2,621.7	64.3
Mar.	575.1	1,356.2	1,931.3	114.2	593.7	707.9	689.3	1,949.9	2,639.2	63.2
Apr.	577.8	1,358.3	1,936.1	114.4	593.1	707.5	692.2	1,951.4	2,643.6	61.8
May	580.0	1,361.9	1,941.9	114.6	592.7	707.3	694.6	1,954.6	2,649.2	62.9
June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
July	582.1	1,365.2	1,947.3	115.4	593.7	709.1	697.5	1,958.9	2,656.4	63.5
Aug.	582.4	1,366.9	1,949.3	116.0	594.5	710.5	698.4	1,961.4	2,659.8	63.5
Sept.	581.9	1,371.2	1,953.1	116.1	598.5	714.6	698.0	1,969.7	2,667.7	62.9
Oct.	581.1	1,374.1	1,955.2	116.5	602.2	718.7	697.6	1,976.3	2,673.9	62.6
Nov.	583.6	1,381.2	1,964.8	117.0	610.5	727.5	700.6	1,991.7	2,692.3	54.6
Dec.	584.7	1,384.3	1,969.0	116.3	615.6	731.9	701.0	1,999.9	2,700.9	52.1
1955 Jan.	585.8	1,382.3	1,968.1	116.2	608.0	724.2	702.0	1,990.3	2,692.3	62.1
Feb.	589.2	1,388.2	1,977.4	119.3	613.5	732.8	708.5	2,001.7	2,710.2	62.2
Mar.	592.4	1,393.9	1,986.3	121.3	616.2	737.5	713.7	2,010.1	2,723.8	60.0
Apr.	595.4	1,395.5	1,990.9	121.4	614.6	736.0	716.8	2,010.1	2,726.9	61.0
May	597.0	1,398.5	1,995.5	121.8	615.4	737.2	718.8	2,013.9	2,732.7	61.2
June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
July (e)	596.1	1,399.9	1,996.0	123.6	615.1	738.7	719.7	2,015.0	2,734.7	62.0
Aug. (e)	598.3	1,401.3	1,999.6	124.2	616.7	740.9	722.5	2,018.0	2,740.5	62.4
Sept. *	597.7	1,405.6	2,003.3	123.7	620.2	743.9	721.4	2,025.8	2,747.2	62.2
Oct. *	595.2	1,406.7	2,001.9	124.0	623.8	747.8	719.2	2,030.5	2,749.7	62.0
Nov. *	595.4	1,417.2	2,012.6	124.9	631.2	756.1	720.3	2,048.4	2,768.7	53.9
Dec. *	596.5	1,416.6	2,013.1	124.0	634.2	758.2	720.5	2,050.8	2,771.3	51.8
1956 Jan. * (e)	595.5	1,395.4	1,990.9	123.9	628.3	752.2	719.4	2,023.7	2,743.1	61.9
Feb. (e)	597.7	1,421.4	2,019.1	127.2	631.8	759.0	724.9	2,053.2	2,778.1	62.1

(a) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (b) Includes members of Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded. (c) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949. (d) See Preface on page 1 hereof as to effects of fluctuations in numbers of Defence Forces and Trainees since August, 1951. (e) Affected by industrial disputes. * Revised.

TABLE 7 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES, FEBRUARY, 1956.

STATES AND TERRITORIES

(Thousands)

State or Territory	Commonwealth (a)						State and Semi-Govt.		Local Govt. (a)		Total Governmental (a)		
	Defence Group		Other		Total								
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	P
New South Wales	9.4	1.1	45.7	14.2	55.1	15.3	133.4	25.8	26.5	2.8	215.0	43.9	258.9
Victoria	16.2	5.1	34.3	11.0	50.5	16.1	94.9	22.7	12.7	1.6	158.1	40.4	198.5
Queensland	1.2	0.2	16.7	4.5	17.9	4.7	55.3	7.6	16.4	0.9	89.6	13.2	102.8
South Australia	3.3	0.6	12.2	2.9	15.5	3.5	37.3	9.0	3.0	0.3	55.8	12.8	68.6
West. Australia	0.7	0.1	8.3	2.1	9.0	2.2	37.3	6.4	3.7	0.3	50.0	8.9	58.9
Tasmania	0.1	0.1	4.2	1.2	4.3	1.3	13.2	3.6	2.2	0.2	19.7	5.1	24.8
Northern Terr.	0.1	—	2.3	0.6	2.4	0.6	—	—	—	—	2.4	0.6	3.0
Aust. Cap. Terr.	0.1	—	7.0	2.3	7.1	2.3	—	—	—	—	7.1	2.3	9.4
Total, Feb., 1956	31.1	7.2	130.7	38.8	161.8	46.0	371.4	75.1	64.5	6.1	597.7	127.2	724.9
Total, Jan., 1956	30.9	7.2	131.6	38.1	162.5	45.3	368.5	72.6	64.5	6.0	595.5	123.9	719.4

(a) See note (a) to Table 6 on previous page.

TABLE 8 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - STATES AND TERRITORIES

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

State or Territory	May 1949(a)	June 1950	June 1951	June 1952	June 1953	June 1954	June 1955	Jan. 1956 (b)	Feb., 1956 (b)
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MALES

New South Wales	721.4	740.8	758.2	754.4	734.3	758.1	779.2	*777.3	786.7
Victoria	489.3	510.7	525.8	524.4	521.6	539.7	556.7	*558.0	563.0
Queensland	239.8	250.4	259.3	258.1	255.2	263.7	272.0	*263.6	270.5
South Australia	155.0	165.7	170.0	171.5	170.6	176.0	178.7	*180.4	183.0
West. Australia	112.8	120.5	125.3	(b)126.0	130.2	135.0	136.4	*135.1	137.9
Tasmania	57.4	58.4	60.2	61.0	61.8	62.8	64.0	*62.7	64.3
Northern Terr.	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.8
Aust. Cap. Terr.	7.2	7.7	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.2	8.7	8.9	8.9
Australia:	1787.1	1858.7	1911.5	1908.1	1886.8	1948.4	2000.5	*1990.9	2019.1

FEMALES

New South Wales	269.9	278.5	290.9	270.5	266.2	279.5	292.5	298.5	300.9
Victoria	202.5	210.0	219.6	206.6	205.9	217.7	227.0	229.6	232.7
Queensland	80.1	83.1	86.1	83.8	83.7	86.1	89.3	90.2	90.8
South Australia	52.2	54.3	57.0	54.9	53.4	56.9	60.2	64.0	63.7
West. Australia	37.8	39.9	41.6	40.5	41.0	42.8	43.9	43.7	44.6
Tasmania	18.8	19.4	20.3	19.8	20.1	21.0	21.7	22.2	22.2
Northern Terr.	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.0
Aust. Cap. Terr.	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.9	2.9	3.1
Australia:	664.1	688.2	718.8	679.4	673.7	707.5	738.5	752.2	759.0

PERSONS

New South Wales	991.3	1019.3	1049.1	1024.9	1000.5	1037.6	1071.7	*1075.8	1087.6
Victoria	691.8	720.7	745.4	731.0	727.5	757.4	783.7	*787.6	795.7
Queensland	319.9	333.5	345.4	341.9	338.9	349.8	361.3	*353.8	361.3
South Australia	207.2	220.0	227.0	226.4	224.0	232.9	238.9	*244.4	246.7
West. Australia	150.6	160.4	166.9	(b)166.5	171.2	177.8	180.3	*178.8	182.5
Tasmania	76.2	77.8	80.5	80.8	81.9	83.8	85.7	*84.9	86.5
Northern Terr.	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.8	6.0	5.8
Aust. Cap. Terr.	9.3	9.8	10.6	10.8	11.0	10.8	11.6	11.8	12.0
Australia:	2451.2	2546.9	2630.3	2587.5	2560.5	2655.9	2739.0	*2743.1	2778.1

(a) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949. (b) Affected by industrial disputes.

* Revised.

II : EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

TABLE 9 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	Jan., 1955	Feb., 1955	Nov., 1955	Dec., 1955	Jan., 1956	Feb., 1956
MALES						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	26.5	26.9	26.7	26.7	26.6	27.0
<u>Mining -</u>						
Gold	7.3	7.2	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.3
Silver, Lead, Zinc	9.5	9.6	10.0	9.9	10.2	10.2
Coal	28.9	28.9	28.1	27.8	27.6	26.8
Other (incl. Quarries)	11.7	11.8	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.3
<u>Total Mining and Quarrying</u>	57.4	57.5	57.7	57.2	57.2	56.6
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	703.9	707.1	722.4	718.5	+718.9	+721.9
Other (b)	61.6	61.9	62.9	62.9	63.6	63.6
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	765.5	769.0	785.3	781.4	+782.5	+785.5
<u>Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)</u>						
Building (Privately employed) (c)	89.4	89.5	94.6	92.8	95.4	97.8
Other (d)	112.4	114.1	*114.0	*112.7	*111.7	112.9
<u>Total Building and Construction</u>	201.8	203.6	*208.6	*205.5	*207.1	210.7
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	83.0	83.6	85.3	85.5	85.5	85.9
Shipping and Stevedoring	49.5	49.9	51.1	50.9	*+30.3	50.2
Rail and Air Transport	107.8	107.8	107.2	107.7	107.6	108.0
Communication	63.0	63.1	65.0	64.8	65.0	64.5
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	303.3	304.4	308.6	308.9	*+288.4	308.6
<u>Property and Finance, (incl. Banks and Insurance)</u>						
	59.1	59.4	59.4	59.9	60.3	61.0
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	122.0	123.1	125.0	125.8	126.4	127.4
Primary Produce Agencies	25.5	24.7	26.1	26.6	25.9	25.2
Retail Trade	130.1	129.6	131.9	135.6	131.4	130.2
<u>Total Commerce</u>	277.6	277.4	283.0	288.0	283.7	282.8
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	98.3	98.5	99.7	100.1	100.3	100.1
<u>Other</u>						
Law and Order	20.0	20.1	20.4	20.4	20.5	20.6
Religion and Social Welfare	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Health Services	25.8	26.0	26.4	26.5	26.6	27.1
Education	36.2	37.3	38.8	39.2	38.0	39.2
Other Professional	12.4	12.7	13.4	13.5	13.8	14.2
Entertainment, Sport	18.3	18.2	18.1	18.1	18.3	18.2
Personal Service (e)	54.5	55.0	55.1	56.3	56.2	56.1
<u>Total Other</u>	178.6	180.7	183.6	185.4	184.8	186.8
<u>TOTAL:</u>	1968.1	1977.4	*2012.6	*2013.1	*1990.9	+2019.1

FEMALES

<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<u>Mining and Quarrying</u>	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	223.4	226.8	228.8	227.6	226.7	231.4
Other (b)	7.0	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.5
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	230.4	234.0	236.1	235.0	234.1	238.9
<u>Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)</u>						
	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.0
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	8.6	8.8	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.4
Shipping and Stevedoring	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4
Rail and Air Transport	8.1	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.6
Communication	18.4	18.5	19.9	19.0	19.3	19.5
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	37.6	38.0	40.0	39.1	39.5	39.9

+ Affected by industrial disputes.

* Revised.

For notes see page 9.

TABLE 9 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

AUSTRALIA (continued)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	Jan., 1955	Feb., 1955	Nov., 1955	Dec., 1955	Jan., 1956	Feb., 1956
FEMALES (continued)						
Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)	36.7	37.4	38.5	38.8	40.0	41.2
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	38.2	39.3	40.3	40.5	40.5	41.0
Primary Produce Agencies	5.6	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.9
Retail Trade	120.3	119.5	128.8	132.3	125.9	123.3
Total Commerce	164.1	164.4	174.9	178.6	172.1	170.2
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	27.9	28.2	28.4	28.5	28.5	28.5
Other -						
Law and Order	9.2	9.3	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7
Religion and Social Welfare	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Health Services	71.5	71.7	75.1	74.7	74.9	75.1
Education	43.7	46.1	48.2	48.4	46.7	49.0
Other Professional	9.6	9.8	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.3
Entertainment, Sport	8.9	8.7	8.8	9.0	9.2	9.1
Personal Service (e)	69.6	70.2	71.2	71.2	72.1	71.8
Total Other	221.5	224.8	232.0	232.0	231.8	234.0
TOTAL	724.2	732.8	756.1	758.2	752.2	759.0
PERSONS						
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	26.7	27.1	26.9	26.9	26.8	27.2
Mining -						
Gold	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.4
Silver, Lead, Zinc	9.8	9.8	10.3	10.2	10.5	10.5
Coal	29.1	29.1	28.3	28.0	27.8	27.0
Other (incl. Quarries)	12.1	12.2	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.8
Total Mining and Quarrying	58.4	58.5	58.8	58.3	58.3	57.7
Manufacturing, etc. -						
Factories (a)	927.3	933.9	951.2	946.1	+945.6	+953.3
Other (b)	68.6	69.1	70.2	70.3	71.0	71.1
Total Manufacturing	995.9	1003.0	1021.4	1016.4	+1016.6	+1024.4
Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)						
Building (privately employed) (c)	92.1	92.2	97.4	95.6	98.2	100.6
Other (d)	114.5	116.2	*116.1	*114.8	*113.8	115.1
Total Building and Construction	206.6	208.4	*213.5	*210.4	*212.0	215.7
Transport and Communication						
Road Transport	91.6	92.4	94.5	94.7	94.7	95.3
Shipping and Stevedoring	52.0	52.3	53.6	53.4	*+32.8	52.6
Rail and Air Transport	115.9	116.1	115.6	116.1	116.1	116.6
Communication	81.4	81.6	84.9	83.8	84.3	84.0
Total Transport, etc.	340.9	342.4	348.6	348.0	*+327.9	348.5
Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)	95.8	96.8	97.9	98.7	100.3	102.2
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	160.2	162.4	165.3	166.3	166.9	168.4
Primary Produce Agencies	31.1	30.3	31.9	32.4	31.6	31.1
Retail Trade	250.4	249.1	260.7	267.9	257.3	253.5
Total Commerce	441.7	441.8	457.9	466.6	455.8	453.0
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	126.2	126.7	128.1	128.6	128.8	128.6
Other -						
Law and Order	29.2	29.4	30.0	30.0	30.2	30.3
Religion and Social Welfare	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4
Health Services	97.3	97.7	101.5	101.2	101.5	102.2
Education	79.9	83.4	87.0	87.6	84.7	88.2
Other Professional	22.0	22.5	23.5	23.6	24.0	24.5
Entertainment, Sport	27.2	26.9	26.9	27.1	27.5	27.3
Personal Service (e)	124.1	125.2	126.3	127.5	128.3	127.9
Total Other	400.1	405.5	415.6	417.4	416.6	420.8
TOTAL	2692.3	2710.2	*2768.7	*2771.3	*+2743.1	+2778.1

+ Affected by industrial disputes.

* Revised.

For notes see page 9.

TABLE 10 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS
STATES - FEBRUARY, 1956

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
 (Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)
 (Thousands)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (f)
MALES							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.4	6.0	6.0	1.8	2.3	2.2	27.0
Mining and Quarrying	29.1	4.8	9.7	1.7	7.9	3.0	56.6
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	+295.7	227.5	71.3	71.2	36.2	20.0	+721.9
Other (b)	27.2	18.7	10.6	2.6	2.6	0.6	63.6
Total Manufacturing:	+322.9	246.2	81.9	73.8	38.8	20.6	+785.5
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	74.9	53.3	34.7	20.0	15.3	9.1	210.7
Shipping and Stevedoring	17.0	11.3	9.1	5.8	4.7	2.3	50.2
Rail and Air Transport	39.4	21.7	22.7	9.9	11.1	2.6	108.0
Other Transport and Communication	60.3	38.9	24.1	12.8	9.2	4.4	150.4
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	23.8	18.3	8.3	5.1	3.9	1.5	61.0
Retail Trade	50.7	37.4	15.6	12.6	9.8	3.7	130.2
Wholesale and Other Commerce	51.5	43.6	22.0	15.2	15.1	4.7	152.6
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	36.5	28.5	11.7	8.0	7.5	3.7	100.1
Other Industries (g)	72.2	53.0	24.7	16.3	12.3	6.5	186.8
TOTAL MALES:	+786.7	563.0	270.5	183.0	137.9	64.3	+2019.1
FEMALES							
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	98.5	90.9	14.1	17.1	6.1	4.7	231.4
Other (b)	1.1	2.4	2.9	0.1	0.9	-	7.5
Total Manufacturing:	99.6	93.3	17.0	17.2	7.0	4.7	238.9
Rail and Air Transport	4.0	2.1	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	8.6
Other Transport and Communication (including Shipping, etc.)	11.7	9.4	4.6	2.7	1.5	1.3	31.3
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	18.3	11.4	4.6	3.4	2.2	1.0	41.2
Retail Trade	45.9	33.8	15.8	13.1	10.1	4.3	123.3
Wholesale and Other Commerce	17.8	12.6	7.7	4.2	3.6	1.0	46.9
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	11.0	7.0	4.3	1.7	2.0	1.0	28.5
Other Industries (g)	92.6	63.1	35.5	20.7	17.8	8.8	240.3
TOTAL FEMALES:	300.9	232.7	90.8	63.7	44.6	22.2	759.0
PERSONS							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.5	6.1	6.0	1.8	2.3	2.2	27.2
Mining and Quarrying	29.4	4.9	10.0	1.8	8.1	3.1	57.7
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	+394.2	318.4	85.4	88.3	42.3	24.7	+953.3
Other (b)	28.3	21.1	13.5	2.7	3.5	0.6	71.1
Total Manufacturing:	+422.5	339.5	98.9	91.0	45.8	25.3	+1024.4
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	77.1	54.5	35.3	20.5	15.5	9.2	215.7
Shipping and Stevedoring	18.1	11.8	9.4	6.0	4.9	2.4	52.6
Rail and Air Transport	43.4	23.8	24.0	10.6	11.5	2.7	116.6
Other Transport and Communication	70.9	47.8	28.4	15.3	10.5	5.6	179.3
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	42.1	29.7	12.9	8.5	6.1	2.5	102.2
Retail Trade	96.6	71.2	31.4	25.7	19.9	8.0	253.5
Wholesale and Other Commerce	69.3	56.2	29.7	19.4	18.7	5.7	199.5
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	47.5	35.5	16.0	9.7	9.5	4.7	128.6
Other Industries (g)	162.2	114.7	59.3	36.4	29.7	15.1	420.8
TOTAL PERSONS:	+1087.6	795.7	361.3	246.7	182.5	86.5	+2778.1

+ Affected by industrial disputes.

For notes see page 9.

NOTES TO TABLES 9 AND 10

- a) Refers to estimated employment in factories as defined for the purpose of the annual production census, results of which are published annually in the Secondary Industries Bulletin. In this connexion, a factory is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more persons are employed, or in which power, other than manual, is used. The employees covered are those engaged in manufacturing activities and exclude those engaged in selling and distribution, etc.. Revision will be necessary in the estimates herein to numbers of employees in factories since June, 1948, within the above definition. A new series of returns was instituted as from January, 1952, which shows the same approximate trend as the figures herein since that date. A survey of the results obtained from this series is presented in Section III.
- b) Includes employees in industrial establishments outside the scope of the definition of a factory (given in (a) above) and persons employed by factory proprietors but engaged in selling or distribution, etc., who are excluded from figures shown opposite "Factories".
- c) Includes persons employed on private building, and employees of private employers contracting to public authorities, on building construction, alterations, maintenance and repairs.
- d) Includes employees on construction of roads, bridges, earthworks, etc., and employees directly employed by public authorities on building and maintenance of buildings.
- e) Includes Hotels, Restaurants, Hairdressing and Other Personal Services (except female private domestics).
- f) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
- g) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health, Education, other Professional Services, Entertainment, etc., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, etc., excluding female private domestics). In respect of females only, also includes Forestry, Fishing, etc., Mining, Building and Construction.

III. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES

By joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, a regular monthly survey of employment in the larger privately-owned factories of New South Wales and Victoria was instituted in January, 1952. Practically all private factories with 100 or more employees and a large section of those with between 50 and 100 employees were surveyed.

The instruction as to employees to be included in the returns was as follows:- "The number of persons employed is to include all persons on the establishment of the factory who are engaged in the factory or on the factory office staff, providing their employment is directly related to manufacture", and further "..... the number of males and females (separately) employed in the specified factory or mill. These figures are to include factory office staff, but are to exclude selling and distribution staff". The figures obtained relate to the numbers on the pay-roll as at the last pay-day in the month.

The survey was instituted to provide an earlier indication of trend of private factory employment, month by month, than is available from any other source, and in fact the trends shown in employment in these larger private factories are broadly consonant with those shown in estimates of total private factory employment, derived from Pay-roll Tax Returns, for the periods for which comparisons are available.

Employment in food-processing factories is subject to considerable seasonal variation. In view of this circumstance, the movements in "all factories excluding food factories" are given equal prominence in the tables with those in "all factories surveyed".

The Survey was extended to cover all States with effect from January, 1953. In Bulletins up to and including No. 152, totals were given for the original two States, for the three remaining mainland States and for the five mainland States together. The figures now shown in Tables 11 and 13 are totals for all six States.

An industrial analysis, showing movements in each of eight broad groups, is given in Table 15. In continuation of the earlier practice this table is confined to the five mainland States. At the present stage figures for Tasmania cannot be incorporated into this table in the same detail because of the risk of disclosure of individual factory particulars.

TABLE 11 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :

SIX STATES (a)

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1955 : January	367,945	117,016	484,961
February	372,085	119,410	491,495	+ 1.1	+ 2.0	+ 1.3
March	373,164	119,059	492,223	+ 0.3	- 0.3	+ 0.1
April	373,064	116,257	489,321	-	- 2.4	- 0.6
May	373,791	115,647	489,438	+ 0.2	- 0.5	-
June	376,399	116,065	492,464	+ 0.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
July	377,061	115,364	492,425	+ 0.2	- 0.6	-
August	377,577	115,765	493,342	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
September	378,632	117,023	495,655	+ 0.3	+ 1.1	+ 0.5
October	379,700	117,443	497,143	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
November	380,362	117,240	497,602	+ 0.2	- 0.2	+ 0.1
December	378,936	118,148	497,084	- 0.4	+ 0.8	- 0.1
1956 : January (b)	374,560	116,116	490,676	- 1.2	- 1.7	- 1.3
February	*376,843	120,181	*497,024	+ 0.6	+ 3.5	+ 1.3
March	376,518	119,954	496,472	- 0.1	- 0.2	- 0.1

(a) See note to Table 12. (b) Affected by industrial disputes. * Revised.

TABLE 12 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :

STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed					Percentage movement in employment	
	1955		1956			Jan., 1956- Feb., 1956	Feb., 1956- Mar., 1956
	Feb.	March	Jan.	Feb.	March		
MALES							
New South Wales	148,901	148,635	151,790	(b)*151,345	(b)150,737	* - 0.3	- 0.4
Victoria	111,989	112,130	113,874	114,029	114,050	+ 0.1	-
Queensland	37,952	38,613	(b)34,662	37,651	38,084	+ 8.6	+ 1.2
South Australia	42,463	43,078	42,831	42,704	42,782	- 0.3	+ 0.2
West Australia	18,606	18,446	18,519	18,483	18,222	- 0.2	- 1.4
Tasmania	12,174	12,262	12,884	12,631	12,643	- 2.0	+ 0.1
TOTAL	372,085	373,164	(b)374,560	*376,843	(b)376,518	+ 0.6	- 0.1
FEMALES							
New South Wales	46,743	46,480	46,221	47,273	46,596	+ 2.3	- 1.4
Victoria	46,670	46,640	44,727	46,745	47,241	+ 4.5	+ 1.1
Queensland	8,994	8,683	(b)7,188	8,568	8,548	+19.2	- 0.2
South Australia	9,485	9,483	9,946	9,686	9,555	- 2.6	- 1.4
West Australia	3,916	3,891	3,631	3,699	3,672	+ 1.9	- 0.7
Tasmania	3,602	3,882	4,403	4,210	4,342	- 4.4	+ 3.1
TOTAL	119,410	119,059	(b)116,116	120,181	119,954	+ 3.5	- 0.2
PERSONS							
New South Wales	195,644	195,115	198,011	(b)*198,618	(b)197,333	* + 0.3	- 0.6
Victoria	158,659	158,770	158,601	160,774	161,291	+ 1.4	+ 0.3
Queensland	46,946	47,296	(b)41,850	46,219	46,632	+10.4	+ 0.9
South Australia	51,948	52,561	52,777	52,390	52,337	- 0.7	- 0.1
West Australia	22,522	22,337	22,150	22,182	21,894	+ 0.1	- 1.3
Tasmania	15,776	16,144	17,287	16,841	16,985	- 2.6	+ 0.9
TOTAL	491,495	492,223	(b)490,676	*497,024	(b)496,472	+ 1.3	- 0.1

(a) As the numbers of reporting factories in the collection varies from year to year, the figures in tables 11 to 15 are not comparable with those published in Bulletins prior to No. 169, December, 1955. The figures now published for 1955 have been adjusted to make them comparable with the 1956 collection. (b) Affected by industrial disputes. * Revised.

TABLE 13. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES
SIX STATES (a)

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed, except Food Factories			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1955 January	318,067	99,190	417,257
February	319,937	99,631	419,568	+ 0.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
March	321,481	99,897	421,378	+ 0.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
April	321,951	99,722	421,673	+ 0.1	- 0.2	+ 0.1
May	322,171	99,627	421,798	+ 0.1	- 0.1	..
June	323,269	100,169	423,438	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	+ 0.4
July	323,558	100,156	423,714	+ 0.1	..	+ 0.1
August	323,668	100,442	424,110	..	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
September	323,973	101,497	425,470	+ 0.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.3
October	323,858	101,676	425,534	..	+ 0.2	..
November	324,680	101,602	426,282	+ 0.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
December	324,955	101,114	426,069	+ 0.1	- 0.5	- 0.1
1956 January (b)	325,510	99,268	424,778	+ 0.2	- 1.8	- 0.3
February	*325,268	100,524	*425,792	- 0.1	+ 1.3	+ 0.2
March	325,524	101,076	426,600	+ 0.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.2

(a) See note to Table 12. (b) Affected by industrial dispute. * Revised.

TABLE 14. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES
STATES (a)

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed excluding Food Factories					Percentage movement in employment	
	1955		1956			Jan. 1956-	Feb. 1956-
	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb., 1956	Mar., 1956
MALES							
New South Wales	134,241	134,584	137,591 (b)*136,742	136,709	136,709	*- 0.6	-
Victoria	96,436	96,996	99,168	98,859	99,069	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Queensland	25,264	25,301	(b)24,677	25,582	25,547	+ 3.7	- 0.1
South Australia	37,913	38,464	37,910	37,888	38,013	- 0.1	+ 0.3
West Australia	16,054	16,025	15,969	15,954	15,806	- 0.1	- 0.9
Tasmania	10,029	10,111	10,195	10,243	10,380	+ 0.5	+ 1.3
TOTAL	319,937	321,481	(b)325,510	*325,268	325,524	- 0.1	+ 0.1
FEMALES							
New South Wales	39,653	39,965	40,267	40,340	40,376	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Victoria	39,708	39,626	39,758	39,824	40,263	+ 0.2	+ 1.1
Queensland	6,936	6,891	(b)5,742	6,848	6,927	+19.3	+ 1.2
South Australia	7,667	7,697	7,743	7,684	7,693	- 0.8	+ 0.1
West Australia	3,023	3,027	2,770	2,812	2,803	+ 1.5	- 0.3
Tasmania	2,644	2,691	2,988	3,016	3,014	+ 0.9	-
TOTAL	99,631	99,897	(b)99,268	100,524	101,076	+ 1.3	+ 0.5
PERSONS							
New South Wales	173,894	174,549	177,858 (b)*177,082	177,085	177,085	*- 0.4	-
Victoria	136,144	136,622	138,926	138,683	139,332	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Queensland	32,200	32,192	(b)30,419	32,430	32,474	+ 6.6	+ 0.1
South Australia	45,580	46,161	45,653	45,572	45,706	- 0.2	+ 0.3
West Australia	19,077	19,052	18,739	18,766	18,609	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Tasmania	12,673	12,802	13,183	13,259	13,394	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
TOTAL	419,568	421,378	(b)424,778	*425,792	426,600	+ 0.2	+ 0.2

(a) See note to Table 12. (b) Affected by industrial disputes. * Revised.

TABLE 15 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES - FIVE MAINLAND STATES

INDUSTRIAL GROUPING (a)

Industrial Group	Employment in Factories surveyed (5 States)				Percentage move- ment in employment	
	Mar. 1955	Jan., 1956 (b)	Feb., 1956	Mar., 1956	Jan., 1956- Feb., 1956	Feb., 1956- Mar., 1956
MALES						
1. Building Materials	34,043	34,372	34,536	34,099	+ 0.5	- 1.3
2. Basic Metals	37,399	38,403	b) 37,514	37,371	* - 2.3	- 0.4
3. Transportation Equipment	59,189	61,042	61,469	62,037	+ 0.7	+ 0.9
4. Other Metal Manufactures	84,312	85,077	84,590	84,489	- 0.6	- 0.1
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	18,058	18,421	18,520	18,605	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
6. Clothing and Textiles	33,278	32,300	32,600	32,584	+ 0.9	-
7. Food	49,532	46,361	49,187	48,731	+ 6.1	- 0.9
8. All Other	45,091	45,700	45,796	45,959	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Total - All Groups	360,902	361,676	364,212	363,875	+ 0.7	- 0.1
Total - Excluding Food	311,370	315,315	315,025	315,144	- 0.1	-

FEMALES

1. Building Materials	2,847	3,035	3,060	3,062	+ 0.8	-
2. Basic Metals	2,006	2,022	2,009	1,998	- 0.6	- 0.5
3. Transportation Equipment	5,285	5,584	5,594	5,819	+ 0.2	+ 4.0
4. Other Metal Manufactures	17,376	18,130	18,005	17,900	- 0.7	- 0.6
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	4,206	4,265	4,286	4,279	+ 0.5	- 0.2
6. Clothing and Textiles	52,975	50,501	51,726	52,084	+ 2.4	+ 0.7
7. Food	17,971	15,433	18,463	17,550	+19.6	- 4.9
8. All Other	12,511	12,743	12,828	12,920	+ 0.7	+ 0.7
Total - All Groups	115,177	111,713	115,971	115,612	+ 3.8	- 0.3
Total - Excluding Food	97,206	96,280	97,508	98,062	+ 1.3	+ 0.6

(a) See note to Table 12. (b) Affected by industrial disputes. * Revised.

IV. WAGES AND HOURS OF LABOUR

TABLE 16 : AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE EARNINGS (a) - AUSTRALIA

Index Numbers (Base 1945-46 = 1,000)
Revised Series (Seasonally adjusted)

Year	Index Numbers		Quarter	Index Numbers	
	All Industries (b)	Manufacturing		All Industries (b)	Manufacturing
1945-46	1,000	1,000	1953 -		
1946-47	1,037	1,056	Sept. Quarter	2,445	2,479
1947-48	1,164	1,206	Dec. "	2,436	2,477
1948-49	1,322	1,365	1954 -		
1949-50	1,451	1,505	March Quarter	2,491	2,552
			June "	2,477	2,534
1950-51	1,742	1,810	Sept. "	2,522	2,609
1951-52	2,145	2,213	Dec. "	2,524	2,588
1952-53	2,350	2,394	1955 -		
1953-54	2,462	2,511	March Quarter	2,589	2,705
1954-55	2,572	2,658	June "	2,652	2,730
			Sept. "	2,689	2,767
			Dec. "	2,731	(c)

(a) Includes Salaries. (b) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Not yet available.

NOTE:- The index numbers for "All Industries" and "Manufacturing" show the movement in average earnings over a period of time. They do not, however, give at any point of time, a comparison of actual earnings in the two groups.

The "All Industries" index is based on Pay-roll Tax Returns and other data. The index for manufacturing industries for the years 1945-46 to 1952-53 is based on the average earnings of male wage and salary earners employed in factories as disclosed by annual factory returns. The figures subsequent to June, 1953 are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

TABLE 17 : AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following tables are based on averages of wage rates for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each industrial group in each State is the arithmetical average of the rates of wage payable for classified occupations within that group. The figures for "All Groups" for each State and for each industrial group for Australia are weighted averages.

The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia of all industrial groups for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'd.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
<i>30th Nov 1955</i>							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	344	323	308	318	339	330	330
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	328	316	314	311	340	331	321
III. Food, Drink, etc.	328	331	302	322	328	333	324
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	314	315	321	321	325	312	316
V. Books, Printing, etc.	375	371	354	355	391	374	370
VI. Other Manufacturing	330	318	298	319	324	328	322
VII. Building	377	357	339	339	356	344	360
VIII. Mining (c)	337	332	319	303	358	325	335
IX. Rail and Tram Services	350	340	315	316	330	334	337
X. Other Land Transport	327	306	289	301	328	316	314
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	346	348	343	345	345	346	346
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	387	351	349	338	358	373	364
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	315	309	279	286	305	296	305
XIV. Miscellaneous	326	319	293	293	318	307	315
<u>All Groups (b)</u>	346	331	317	317	340	337	334
<i>31st Dec 1955</i>							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	344	323	308	318	339	330	330
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	328	316	317	311	340	331	322
III. Food, Drink, etc.	328	331	303	322	328	333	324
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	314	315	321	321	325	312	316
V. Books, Printing, etc.	375	371	354	355	391	374	370
VI. Other Manufacturing	330	319	298	319	325	328	322
VII. Building	377	357	339	339	356	344	360
VIII. Mining (c)	337	332	319	303	358	325	335
IX. Rail and Tram Services	350	340	315	316	330	334	337
X. Other Land Transport	327	306	289	301	328	316	314
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	346	348	343	345	345	346	346
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	387	351	349	338	358	373	364
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	315	309	279	286	305	296	305
XIV. Miscellaneous	326	319	293	293	318	307	315
<u>All Groups (b)</u>	346	331	318	317	340	337	334

(a) The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. (b) Weighted average. (c) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are those prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State and exclude district allowances in the gold-mining industry. (d) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are for occupations other than master, officers, and engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied. (e) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based include the value of keep, where supplied.

TABLE 18 : AVERAGE NOMINAL HOURLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES, STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following table are based on average wage rates and hours of labour for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each State is the weighted average of the wage rates for each industrial group in the State. The average rate of wage for Australia is the weighted average of the wage rates for each State.

The base of each index number is the weighted average hourly wage for Australia for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Date	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (b)
31st December, 1938	109	98	109	92	111	94	104
" " 1945	136	133	133	124	138	127	133
" " 1946	146	143	142	132	141	137	143
" " 1947	168	153	139	152	155	149	158
" " 1948	192	188	179	183	190	184	188
" " 1949	206	204	196	197	208	198	203
" " 1950	248	244	228	234	250	239	243
" " 1951	300	290	268	279	300	287	291
" " 1952	338	327	308	322	342	326	329
" " 1953	346	336	316	327	352	341	338
30th June, 1954	346	337	322	327	352	341	339
30th September, 1954	346	336	323	327	352	341	339
31st December, 1954	349	340	325	332	353	345	342
31st March, 1955	355	344	328	335	356	349	346
30th June, 1955	355	348	328	336	363	350	348
30th September, 1955	356	351	331	336	370	350	350
31st December, 1955	369	355	334	337	370	350	357

(a) Weighted average hourly rates of wage for all industrial groups except Groups XI (Shipping, etc.) and XII (Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.). The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.

(b) Weighted average.

V. UNEMPLOYMENT

TABLE 19 : NUMBER OF PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, STATES

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Services Act 1947-1954) which came into effect on 1st July, 1945. From June, 1951 onwards figures are as furnished by the Department of Social Services.

Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each Month (a)

Month	N.S.W. (b)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	TAS.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1947 June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 May	222	33	809	12	91	29	1,102	94	1,196
1950 June	335	151	568	32	108	32	998	228	1,226
1951 June (d)	246	32	263	3	50	10	457	147	604
1952 June	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	6,108	2,186	8,294
1953 June (e)	14,629	5,939	3,677	655	691	323	21,552	4,362	25,914
1954 June	2,810	1,203	1,657	79	225	109	4,360	1,723	6,083
1955 June	1,042	319	964	70	239	45	1,670	1,009	2,679
1955 April	1,116	288	1,799	52	157	41	2,495	958	3,453
May	1,053	335	1,140	63	171	32	1,834	960	2,794
June	1,042	319	964	70	239	45	1,670	1,009	2,679
July	1,070	335	615	55	268	67	1,381	1,029	2,410
August	901	367	539	50	248	83	1,324	864	2,188
September	707	327	425	37	256	80	1,136	696	1,832
October	660	294	427	46	215	85	1,067	660	1,727
November	645	277	431	44	216	64	1,046	631	1,677
December	966	356	1,442	56	377	48	2,546	699	3,245
1956 January	1,322	359	2,561	46	414	40	3,958	784	4,742
February	1,937	341	3,371	55	374	50	5,217	911	6,128
March	2,245	350	3,268	64	536	31	5,448	1,046	6,494

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) From May, 1951 to September, 1952 the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet. (e) From October, 1952 the figures represent the number actually on benefit.